



GERMANTOWN SOCCER CLUB – An Introduction

Mission

The Germantown Soccer Club was founded to promote and advance youth soccer development in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia. The Club's primary aim is to increase youth participation in the most popular sport in the world through outreach, training and competition. We also aim to challenge our players and to instill both soccer and character skills (leadership, sportsmanship, and positive self-esteem) that will last the rest of their lives.

Strategy

GSC achieves this mission by focusing on soccer fundamentals in young players [ages 5-12] before they enter a competitive environment. Germantown Soccer Club takes the time needed to do it right. While we offer skill development and recreational games, we refrain from joining competitive leagues until our players are fully ready. Ball skills, agility, footwork, teamwork and passion for playing are key to developing solid players. We will, however, occasionally participate in tournaments to gain experience. Another key strategy is maintaining quality in coaching. The Club has slowly developed its coaching capacity such that the organization has been able to expand its program.

Vision

The Germantown Soccer Club's vision for its future work is ambitious; the organization will expand its reach while maintaining a high quality program. The Club seeks to offer its programs in all of the area's recreation centers.

History

Germantown Soccer Club ("GSC") was founded in 2010 by Yomi Awodesu, Germantown resident and father. Since then, the Club has grown into a community organization, beloved and appreciated by families throughout the area.

Management and governance

Board: The club is run by a Board of Directors, and all members are volunteers dedicating their time and energy to the success of the Club.

Staff: President Yomi Awodesu reports to the board of directors. He runs day to day operations for the Club, and supervises the director of coaching, Glodi Konga.

Fiscal Agent: Germantown United Community Development Corporation, a neighborhood-based 501(c)3 organization, is acting as the GSC's fiscal agent.

Current projects and affiliations

Germantown Soccer Club partners with a number of organizations in order to carry out its mission.



Germantown Soccer is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer League, which offers grants of cash and equipment to clubs, and oversees soccer activities throughout the region.



At age 12, Club “graduates” become eligible to play and compete with others in the Fairmount Soccer Association and the Anderson Monarchs, both affiliates of United Philly.



Wissahickon Boys and Girls Club now hosts the Germantown Soccer Club, and will be the new site for the 2017-18 FUTSAL league which has 40 teams. Germantown Soccer Club coordinates this winter league.



At Emlen School, GSC offers a soccer program 3 days a week for K-5th grade within the school physical education program. The focus is on ball familiarity and small-sided games. The Young Lions team includes the 8-12 year olds and they travel throughout the community to play competitive games.



The City’s Parks and Recreation Department works with Germantown Soccer to offer an after-school and summer soccer program at a Mt Airy recreation center.

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